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Preliminary Amendment

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please add the following new claim 39:

39. (new) A method of claim 13, wherein the nucleic acid molecule of at least 15 nucleotides capable of specifically hybridizing with an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an inward rectifier, G-protein activated, mammalian, potassium KGA channel is labeled with a detectable marker.